

I. Amendment to the Specification:

Please replace the title on page 1 with the following amended title:

METHOD OF USE OF DEVICE AND A DEVICE FOR RAISING AND SUPPORTING ONE OR MORE TESTES OF A PATIENT DURING ULTRASOUND EXAMINATION

Please replace the paragraph under **Field of the Invention** on page 1, beginning on line 5, with the following amended paragraph:

This invention relates to a ~~medical~~ method of use of a device, and in particular a device for supporting the testes of human males during ultrasound examinations, and to the medical device itself for such purpose.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 1, with the following amended paragraph:

a substantially flat support member situate intermediate said pair of curved members, adapted to raise and support one or more male testes when said device is positioned proximate said groin area.

Please replace the paragraphs on page 4, beginning on line 5 and ending on line 14, with the following amended paragraphs:

In a second broad aspect of the invention, the invention comprises a device for raising and supporting one or more male testes of a patient during ultrasound examination when said patient is lying in a supine position, comprising:

a pair of spaced-apart, downwardly curved members, each adapted to be positioned on a respective upper leg of said patient; and

a substantially flat support member, positioned intermediate said pair of curved members and coupled thereto, adapted to support one or more male testes thereon when positioned in a groin area of said patient.

Please add the following new paragraphs after the last paragraph on page 4:

In a fourth broad aspect of the invention, the invention comprises a method for inspecting and diagnosing ailments in human testes via ultrasonic inspection means, using a device comprising:

a pair of spaced-apart, downwardly curved members, each adapted to be positioned over a respective upper thigh portion of legs of a male patient and proximate a groin area of said patient when said patient is lying in a supine position;

a substantially flat portion, situate and extending intermediate said pair of curved members, having a pair of opposite, substantially mutually parallel side edges, adapted to raise and support thereon one or more male testes when said device is positioned proximate said groin area;

said method comprising:

positioning said male patient in said supine position;

placing said device in an operative position proximate said groin area of said patient, wherein each of said downwardly curved members each overlies said respective upper thigh portion of said legs of said patient;

positioning said testes of said male patient on said substantially flat portion of said device; and

ultrasonically inspecting said testes via said ultrasonic inspection means when said device is in said operative position and said testes positioned on said substantially flat portion.

Please amend the paragraph on page 6, line 6, with the following amended paragraph:

Advantageously, due to the substantially rigid nature of the device, ultrasound technicians are able to substantially position the testes during repeat (subsequent) ~~ultrasound~~ultrasound examination in the same position as the testes were positioned in one or more earlier ultrasound examination. This is ~~highly~~ highly advantageous, in that it allows comparison between various examinations of the same patient, and progress (growth or reduction in size of a tumour, for example), is monitored over time. As well, measurements that are made of the testes via the images appearing on the monitor are able to be better compared to earlier or later measurements, due to the consistency in positioning of the testes when the device of the present invention is employed in each case.

Please amend the paragraph on page 8, line 6, with the following amended paragraph:

Preferrably, device **10** is of various sizes. In particular, for adult males, the radius **R**, and widths **W₁** and **W₂** of support member **12** are greater than corresponding dimensions of a testicular support device **10** adapted for smaller adults, juveniles, or children. As shown in Fig. 1, the width **W₂** of mutually opposite parallel side **18** may be greater than width **W₁** of the other mutually opposite parallel side **14**.
